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## MARGINAL COLUMN

By NISSIM REJWAN

**ANOTHER** "agonising reappraisal" is in the offing. There is every indication that things are coming to a head again between Cairo and Baghdad, although the quarrel this time concerns a different set of issues: from being "reactionary imperialist stooges," the Iraqi rulers have now become godless Communists. Since the free world has to take sides in this quarrel, and an important section of opinion in the U.S. State Department already seems to incline to the view that Nasser is preferable to Kassem, it is useful to examine this new development, and doing this one must try to answer two questions: Why is Kassem relying on the Communists in his effort to consolidate his position, and is this a matter of conviction or of convenience? The second question is to what extent Kassem's cooperation with the right-wing Iraqi National Party to the left-wing National Democrats are cooperating in the alleged drive to bury Iraq Communism.

To begin with the latter question, there is nothing to support the view that either the Istiklal or the National Democrats would agree to be a party to Iraq's totalitarianism. From its very beginnings about 15 years ago, the Istiklal Party was known for a pronounced anti-left trend, a strong conservatism and a parochial kind of nationalism, while the National Democrats have modelled themselves on the British Labour Party and have always been considered by the Communists more dangerous than the professed reactionaries, and as culpable in Europe's Social Democrats. In their early days they quarrelled with some of the movement's founding fathers for advocating a coalition with the Communists within some kind of Popular Front. Moreover, when these two parties decided to form a United National Front, another opposition group in 1956 they excluded the Communists.

THE question as to whether Kassem's growing dependence on the Communists stems from conviction or from expediency is equally easy. Although we do not know much about the genesis of the July coup d'etat, it can be said now that the Communists had no part in its preparation, and that their rise came only later, when Cairo's impatience with the reluctant Kassem began to take the form of subversive activities against the regime. Kassem, judging his position imperilled, sought whatever help he could get. In the Communists whose activity up to then had been confined to demanding the re-institution of "democratic freedoms" and inciting the peasants, he found an ally who was not only a willing supporter against the Nasserists but was able to mobilise the all-important mob to defend him. A marriage of convenience was effected between Kassem and the Iraqi Communists, and the latter's exceptional gift for organization and propaganda which has brought them the formidable influence they now wield.

BUT what about the Army, whose loyalty is the sine qua non of Kassem's regime? Is the Army and its officers Communists and their sympathizers? Would its commanders tolerate a Communist takeover in Baghdad? It is impossible to answer these affirmative. Even those reports which tend to emphasize the Communist danger in Iraq are based on the infiltration only in the lower echelons of the Army and make a point of saying that the high-ranking officers are not involved. And Kassem certainly commands these officers' men's loyalty, while his personal pronouncements give the impression of a man who waxes above all to manoeuvre between opposing views. He is also a man who is not in a hurry, and views the U.A.R. now, although he does not exclude the move as a future possibility. (Jerusalem Post, December 14)

## Dutch Cabinet Crisis As Socialists Quit

THE HAGUE (Reuter). — A political crisis in Holland ended its third day on Saturday after Premier Willem Drees and his four fellow Socialists in the Cabinet submitted their resignations to Queen Juliana on Friday, and nine other Ministers chose the middle course of placing their portfolios at the disposal of Her Majesty.

The crisis began on Thursday night when the Second Chamber (Lower House) defeated the Government's Finance Minister's taxation proposals. The Government is still, however, nominally in office.

**BEN. JOHNSON NOT TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT** (Reuter). — Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, leader of the Democratic majority in the Senate and considered to be one of the leading candidates for the party's presidential nomination in 1960, announced here last night he would not run for President.

## U.S.-Rocket Monkey Lost in S. Atlantic

CAPE CANAVERAL. — The U.S. Army on Saturday fired a foot-long South American squirrel monkey some 300 miles into space in the nose-cone of a 50-ton Jupiter rocket. The flight of the missile was described in an Army statement as "completely successful." But an apparent mishap in the recovery gear prevented the section containing the animal from being retrieved. It disappeared in the South Atlantic.

The search for it was later abandoned. This was America's first attempt to fire a primate — the highest order of mammal — into space, and was intended to provide bio-medical data aimed at paving the way for manned space travel.

Although the "passenger" was not found by ships and aircraft which converged on the pre-determined target area where the rocket landed, radio messages flashed back by the missile on its flight gave details of the reactions of the monkey, dubbed "Gordo" after a Mexican comic strip character.

The Army spokesman did not say how far the Jupiter travelled during its 15-minute journey through space. No ill-effects.

A Naval medical spokesman said the monkey — a male — suffered no significant bodily ill-effects, a prolonged gravity-free state. This was said to be the "most significant finding so far." Freedom from gravity produces weightlessness and a sensation of falling, and space travel pioneers need to know how humans would react to this.

The spokesman said that "the acceleration of take-off produced mild physiological change (in the monkey) but no significant physiological impairment. The respiratory rate was slowed and the respiratory pattern assumed a slight irregularity, and a postural change was observed." The pulse rate was increased slightly during the acceleration. During the period of the gravity-free state, the respiratory rate and rate were normal. The heart rate was only slightly accelerated and the electrocardiogram remained normal throughout the entire period of observation.

**One Foot Long**  
 The average squirrel monkey was described in a Defence Department statement as being between 10 inches and 15 inches long, weighing 2-3 pounds, and having "the same anatomical make-up as man and underbody 'musical' the same emotions." It is generally considered to be more intelligent than many other species of primates, and is sensitive to temperature changes.

The statement added that the type of monkey, which is predominantly vegetarian, can be handled and trained as a pet, but does not like to be separated from others of its breed. When isolated, some will die. (Reuter, UPI)

## State of Emergency Declared in Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba (Reuter). — The Senate on Thursday night approved a bill passed by the Lower House declaring a national state of emergency throughout Cuba where anti-Government rebel activity is disrupting industry and commerce. The bill gives the cabinet with legislative powers for 45 days.

## 52-Man Panel Named to Rule On Payments for Arab Lands

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER. — The Minister of Finance on Friday approved a list of 52 persons who will compose five regional committees to advise the Development Authority on the payment of liberal compensation to the owners of confiscated urban and rural property.

The announcement of the composition of the panel, which consists of 52 Arab and 20 Jewish members, was in keeping with Mr. Eshkol's recent statement to the Knesset Finance Committee which considered the question in several meetings during the past few months.

The Finance Committee was originally charged with considering three private members' amendments to the Absentee Property Law (1950) which had been proposed last July. The Committee devoted several sessions to the proposed amendments and decided not to recommend their presentation for a first reading after receiving Mr. Eshkol's undertaking to carry

## Khoushy C'tee Calls for Public Bus Authority

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A recommendation that the bus services should be owned and directed by a public transport authority democratically representing the majority of the public who use the services and the bus cooperatives themselves, will be incorporated to give all permanent workers equal rights, was made by the Khoushy Committee in its report submitted to the Histadrut Secretary-General on Friday.

The committee held seven sessions during which it heard representatives of the Egged, Dan and Hamekasher cooperatives, as well as the Histadrut Secretary-General on Friday. The report suggested that at the present stage three public companies be set up, one national and two regional. In the national company, there would be 50 per cent participation by the Government and 10 per cent by the Histadrut. Egged, which would have to include its hired workers, would retain 40 per cent.

In the two regional companies, which would be formed out of Dan and Hamekasher respectively, the Government would own 30 per cent, the Histadrut 10 per cent and the cooperatives, including their hired workers, 60 per cent.

The report was a majority one and minority recommendations were presented by Mapam, Abudus Ha'avoda and Haoved Haodim.

It begins by lauding the pioneering effort and initiative of the bus cooperatives, but goes on to say that with the rapid growth and expansion of the country, it is no longer advisable to leave so vital a service under monopolistic control. The Histadrut has vainly tried on several occasions to bring about a merger of the bus companies, but has failed.

On Friday, the Egyptian press carried headlines to the effect that eight tribal chiefs had been arrested with their properties confiscated.

Earlier Beirut reports said that Rashid Ali el Gallani, a Syrian politician and leader of the Ba'ath Party in Iraq, was arrested last week for his part in the conspiracy.

He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. His nephew, Munir Gallani, and his brother, Rahim Rawi, were executed on Friday, the source added. (Reuter, Beirut and Cairo)

## Mourning Shots Start Clash in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Shots fired into the air by mourners at a funeral for victims of the Beirut explosion, in which three persons were killed, a Government source said here on Friday.

Inhabitants in a neighbouring village in the Bekaa region, south-east Lebanon, thought an attack was coming so they fired back. Security forces later surrounded the village.

## Iraq Seen First Battlefield Of Communism, Arab Nationalism

BEIRUT (UPI). — Communism and Arab nationalism appeared headed towards their first major fight on the battleground of oil-rich Iraq.

The Beirut newspaper "Al-Naba", Egyptian nationalist organ for the Baathist Socialist Party which led a drive for Lebanese union with Syria, said on Friday: "Communism has shown its real face in Iraq... fighting Arab unity and thus meeting half-way the imperialist Western trend against Iraq."

Reports reaching here said the Communists in Iraq have organized trade unions and student groups which have provided street mobs and the most effective street demonstration apparatus in Iraq. They also are reported to be pushing a steady stream of leftists into civil service posts left vacant by the ouster of supporters of assassinated ex-Premier Nuri Said.

The Communist bid for power coincided with a sweeping purge of pro-Nasser elements staged in the last few days by the Government of Premier Abdul Karim Kassem.

## Jamali, Three Other Iraqi Ex-Leaders, Said Executed

Four former Iraqi leaders, sentenced to death last month on charges of conspiracy and corruption, have been executed, it was reported by an "Arab nationalist source" in Beirut, on Saturday, according to Reuter.

They were former Prime Minister Fadh Jamal and Abul Mubashir al-Bahrani, former Foreign Minister Birhan al-Bashayri, and former Army Chief of Staff General Ali al-Badr.

Baban was Prime Minister of Iraq at the time of the July coup in which King Faisal II and Nuri Said, Prime Minister of the Iraqi-Jordan Union, were slain.

The leaders were accused of plotting to bring about a coup in Syria with "imperialist" backing. They were also accused of various "crimes against the State" in connection with their former positions.

Egyptian newspapers Saturday quoted official sources in Baghdad as denying that the dead, sentenced to death by the Iraqi "revolutionary" military tribunal had been carried out.

They were also quoted as denying reports that some members of the Cabinet had been arrested in connection with a conspiracy.

There was also a report of a conspiracy to overthrow the Government amidst reports of increasing tension in the Iraqi capital where, according to Beirut Radio, clashes occurred on Friday during demonstrations carried out by supporters of Premier Abdul Karim Kassem and unspecified opposition elements.

Police Chief Arrested  
 The Iraqi Chief of Police, Taher Yahya, was arrested on Wednesday and replaced by Nassef Rashid Hilmi, the radio said. Among the arrested was a Ba'athist arrested last week in connection with the alleged plot.

Mr. Rountree, now in Cairo on his fact-finding tour of the Middle East, will definitely come to Baghdad, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said here earlier. The Embassy seemed surprised by the prominent display throughout the capital of such slogans as: "There is no place for you, Rountree, in Baghdad" and "Go home Rountree."

Prime Minister Brigadier Abdul Karim Kassem is reported to have received hundreds of messages from all parts of the country asking him not to see Mr. Rountree. The Assistant Secretary of State who arrived in Cairo Friday night, met Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and Ali Sabry, Minister of Presidential Affairs, on Saturday.

Mr. Rountree said on his arrival that he hoped to find a new basis for improved relations between the U.S. and the U.A.R. He is meeting President Abdul Nasser on Sunday (today).

Mr. Rountree came to Cairo from Amman via Old City and Beirut. In the Jordan capital he discussed the general Middle East situation, the Arab-Israeli armistice lines and the refugee problem.

Later, Beirut Radio broadcast a denial by an official Iraqi spokesman that troubles and violence broke out in Iraq. He was quoted as saying that nothing of the kind happened either in the north or anywhere else, and that Baghdad was enjoying "absolute tranquillity."

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## Israel Explains Vote on Refugees

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The U.N. General Assembly on Friday night asked Secretary-General Hammarskjold "as a matter of urgent concern" to continue his fund-raising efforts for relief work among Arab refugees.

The 81-member Assembly adopted a recommendation of its Special Political Committee which also drew the attention of member governments to the precarious financial position of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), "urging them to consider increasing contributions."

The vote was 57 to none, with 20 abstentions. Explaining his affirmative vote, the Israeli delegate, Mr. Abba Eban, said that while the action taken by the Committee covered further relief for a year, it did not advance a substantive solution of the problem which, in Israel's view, lay in resettlement of the refugees in "kindred societies."

## Soviet Notes to NATO Renew Berlin Ultimatum

West Conferring Today

PARIS. — Russia on Saturday renewed her ultimatum to the West to get out of Berlin in a last-minute manoeuvre evidently designed to rock the Western alliance on the eve of its crucial Paris meeting.

She did so in joint notes handed to all the NATO countries. Western officials said the proposal that the Western half of the former capital should be turned into a "free city."

Repeated earlier Soviet offers of a non-aggression pact between NATO and the Warsaw Pact nations.

Called on the West again to accept the Polish proposal for an atom-free zone in Central Europe.

Proposed reduction of military forces by both West and East in Europe.

Renewed earlier Soviet proposals for an East-West agreement to suspend nuclear armaments.

The sources described the contents of the note as "simply a catalogue of earlier Soviet proposals to the West." The sources said it contained "nothing new," although its tone appeared to be slightly "more polite" than other Soviet notes.

The text of the note was received here as the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, launched an all-out drive to restore shaken Western unity on the Berlin crisis.

Mr. Dulles, looking fit and smiling, was greeted by the French Foreign Minister, M. Couve de Murville, the U.S. Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Houghton, and the American permanent representative on the NATO Council, Mr. Burgess.

The Secretary of State will talk Sunday on the Berlin crisis with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Lloyd, M. de Murville and Dr. von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister.

Mr. Lloyd was due in Paris by air shortly after midnight Saturday night from London. Dr. von Brentano was to arrive from Bonn at about the same time, accompanied by Mr. Willi Brandt, Social Democrat Mayor of West Berlin.

**Experts Meeting**  
 The arrival of Mr. Dulles coincided with a meeting of senior experts of Britain, the U.S., France and West Germany, who are preparing briefs for Sunday's Foreign Ministers' meeting on Berlin. In Bonn, a Foreign Ministry spokesman described Thursday's Soviet declaration on Berlin as "extraordinarily sharp" in tone and said it "approached a 'threat of war'."

The spokesman said it had not surprised the West German Government that such a declaration had been made from Moscow on the eve of a NATO conference. This had happened before.

He declined to make detailed comment on issues raised in the declaration on the ground that these were to be discussed at the Foreign Ministers' conference in Paris.

Thursday's Soviet statement said Russia was ready to hold four-power talks on a German peace treaty, provided Germany (presumably East and West Germany) was included in the discussions.

The statement added, however, that if the West rejected the Soviet proposals on Berlin "there remains no further basis for negotiations" and that Russia aimed no agreement with the West to carry out the measures she had planned for Berlin.

The declaration added some "hints" among Western military men talked of forcing a way to Berlin with troops and tanks, and warned that this "would mean a war."

(UPI, Reuter)

## U.N. Hits Soviet Stand on Hungary

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The U.N. Assembly on Friday agreed upon a resolution condemning Soviet and Hungarian "violence" of resolutions on the Hungary problem.

The vote was 54 to 10 with 15 abstentions. Two members, Israel and Yemen, were absent.

The Assembly also appointed Sir Leslie Munro (New Zealand), its immediate past President, to be the U.N. "watchdog" for Hungary, replacing Prince Wan of Thailand.

It denounced the execution of Imre Nagy, General Pal Maleter and other Hungarian patriots, and called on the Soviet and Hungarian authorities "to desist from repressive measures against the Hungarian people."

The condemnation of Hungary and Russia was contained in a 37-nation Western-backed resolution.

The countries which voted in favour of the resolution included Israel, Italy, Jordan, Pakistan, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey. Yugoslavia voted with the Soviet Union and eight other East European countries against the resolution. The abstentions were: Afghanistan, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and the U.A.R.

Asked for comment on the recent killing of Mrs. Joyce Doran, wife of the British Air Attache in Israel, the spokesman said her death was part of the Israeli complaint before the Security Council, and he could therefore say nothing about it.

## Accra Talks Set Up Permanent Body

ACCRA (Reuter). — The All-African Peoples Conference which ended here on Saturday has decided to set up a permanent secretariat in Accra, it was officially announced at the closing session.

The conference, which has been meeting here for six days, was attended by delegates of 62 organizations representing 200 million Africans from 26 countries.

A resolution announcing the establishment of a permanent secretariat said that "last of all, Africa must be free of colonial, imperialist and trade unions in Africa 'are irrevocably resolved to wage 'final assault upon the denial of freedom, liberty and fundamental human rights to the people of Africa.'"

The secretariat would have the following aims:

- To promote understanding and unity among the peoples of Africa.
- To accelerate the liberation of Africa from imperialism and colonialism.
- To mobilize world opinion in favour of political and fundamental human rights to Africans.
- To develop the feeling of one community among the peoples of Africa with the object of the emergence of a United States of Africa.

## Dag Due in Amman On January 3

AMMAN (Reuter). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, will visit Jordan on January 3, after spending Christmas Eve with the King and the Queen in the Gaza Strip, the U.N. office in Amman announced on Saturday.

He is expected to meet King Hussein and Premier Samir Rifal, and then leave for Addis Ababa via Cairo to attend the opening session of the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa.

(It was announced in New York at the end of last month that Mr. Hammarskjold hoped to visit Israel during his Middle East tour.)

## U.N. Group to Study Economic Sovereignty

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — The U.N. General Assembly has appointed a commission of nine members to study and report on "the extent to which countries have permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources."

The world body elected the U.S., the Soviet Union, United Arab Republic, Afghanistan, Sweden, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Chile and Guatemala to the commission.

## David Selznick And Jennifer Jones Here

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Hollywood film producer, Mr. David O. Selznick, and his actress wife, Jennifer Jones, arrived here on Thursday evening by El Al from New York via Paris.

Mr. Selznick told an ITM reporter that although this was a private visit, he and his wife may investigate film industry possibilities during their stay. They were met at the airport by Mr. Moshe Pearlman of the Prime Minister's office.

On Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Selznick were in Jerusalem and nearby settlements and on Saturday left for a tour of the North.

## Turkey Said Unable To Meet Debts

THE HAGUE (Reuter). — The Turkish Government has informed a number of countries, including Holland, that it is unable to meet obligations for Greek rearmament.

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**ARRIVALS**

Mr. Y. Tadin, member of the Histadrut Executive, from the U.S. (by El Al).

Mr. Dan Tanel, Adviser on the Conservation of Historical Sites to the Prime Minister's Office, from the U.S. (by El Al).

**DEPARTURES**

Mr. Lorne Dyer, Commercial Attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Athens and Third Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Israel, for Athens (by El Al).

Mr. E.E. Gelber, Chairman of the Hebrew University's Executive Council, for a short visit to Canada.

Mr. Albert Ambrose, Manager of Barclays Bank in Israel, for London, on bank business (by El Al).

**HEARINGS** in the case of Eilat-Haifa, the driver who was involved in the Muraara Bridge bus accident two months ago, on a charge of causing the death of the victim, will open on January 1, 1959.

**A 70-YEAR-OLD** resident of Jerusalem, Shmuel Pitman, was on Friday fined 100 by Magistrate Y. Barak, for signing his name on currency. He had previously been warned to stop this practice as he had been using the name of a deceased relative to obtain credit.

## Sabra Children of Oriental Immigrants Need More Help

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Research has shown that the gap between the intelligence levels of children of immigrant families from Islamic countries and children from other lands is increasing if they are not given special attention, according to Dr. Moshe Smilansky, Director of Mossad Szold.

Addressing the two-day conference in Eilat of some 200 State school teachers, which closed at the Philip Murray Centre on Wednesday night, Dr. Smilansky emphasized that the inferior IQ of the children of Oriental immigrants was a function of their environment and not of their origin.

The IQ of children of parents hailing from African countries who make up half the population—average 92 to 98, compared to 108 to 110 of those from European parents. Both groups of children studied had been born in Israel, he said.

The danger of a widening gap was demonstrated by Dr. Smilansky through intelligence tests conducted on two groups of children three years ago and repeated on the same children recently. While the IQ average of the children of European parents rose from 106 to 109, the average of the second group remained at 92. This fact had been borne out by other tests, he said.

The discrepancy was most pronounced in tests requiring power of concentration, vocabulary, and abstract reasoning. On the other hand, the children of Afro-Asian background excelled in visual ability, numbers, and motor-visual coordination.

Dr. Smilansky suggested to give these children an opportunity to develop their particular talents. Under a standard curriculum (which also for bids the holding down of pupils in classes), he noted that more was demanded of some children than they could give. He urged that the remedial action was taken on the ground floor, at kindergarten level, these children were fated to frustration at the outset.

**High School Candidates**

Though about 90 per cent of the children of Oriental origin who were in the top class of elementary school last year (84 per cent of the average grade eight) sought to enter secondary school, only 60 per cent of them were accepted.

Dr. Smilansky declared that while it was true that the IQ could advance with the time spent in school, a generation was required to achieve an appreciable change under normal conditions.

**Our dear Father and Grandfather Josef Mayer has left us**

**HELMUT and HILDE BAUM (nee Mayer) MARTIN and BETTY MAYER HANS and LILIAN MAYER and GRANDCHILDREN.**

The funeral will leave from the Sha'arei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, at 3 p.m. today, December 14, 1958.

## Israel's Honeymoon with West May End Soon—Moshe Dayan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.**—Aluf Moshe Dayan on Saturday described Israel's present relations with the West as a "honeymoon" that may not continue much longer.

Addressing a packed Mafpeh-sponsored meeting at the Mograbi Hall, Aluf Dayan said Israel should not look upon her friendly relations with the West as her own work. It was due largely to the West's growing disillusionment with the Arab states and lessening respect for Cairo's opinion.

"But it is quite likely that the Arabs and the West will have a rapprochement, and we must ask ourselves if we are prepared for harder times," he said.

The former Chief of Staff described the U.S. as a most friendly nation to Israel. But the U.S. did not rush immediately to the aid of its friend Britain in both World Wars. It did not agree to supply Israel with weapons, even after Egypt had received Soviet arms.

"France, however, shared her weapons with us because she considered us to be on the same side and ready to fight on the same front," he said.

Turning to Israel-Arab relations, Aluf Dayan came out strongly against ideas of integration into the Arab world.

"It would mean a step backward for us," he said. "It was doubtful if it was at all possible for Israel to come closer to the Arabs and be absorbed into their culture."

Only when the Arabs attain a 20th century way of life and thought and when they are able to accept "element" in their midst on a basis of normal neighbourly relations will Israel be able to find true understanding with them.

The Arab nationalist movement was now expanding at a slower pace, than anticipated three years ago. The Arabs have come to realize that they have to sell their oil to the West and also that the Suez Canal cannot be used by Arabs alone. Tunisia, Iraq, Sudan, Jordan and Lebanon were not keen on following Cairo's leadership, and even in Syria, said Dayan, there was trouble.

Mr. Dayan, who is not a member of the Mafpeh Central Committee, also went on to criticize that body's recommendation of IL25m. in wage improvements for 1959 and the support of the dismissal of redundant workers.

**For Whom the Bell Tolls**

Mayor Gerson Agron, who opened the meeting, spoke on the Charter and the Convention on Genocide—which, he said, could be summed up in the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" which was the only way leading to "Love Thy neighbour as thyself."

He called the actions of the nations during the Nazi Holocaust in Europe: "We are not our brother's keepers." "We are grappling with wider issues." No man can stand aside when freedom is trampled underfoot, he said.

He said that the Rights of Man Declaration was successful in the U.N. and the American Constitution and the French Revolution Declaration of the Rights of Man.

The rally was organized by the Government Education and Civic Information Service and the Jerusalem Municipality.

**New-Old Writings**

The same subject was taken up in a lecture by Dr. Y. Goldschmidt, Director of the Ministry's Department of Religious Education, who reported on various educational experiments in the schools. He said that in a number of first grade classes a trial had been made of returning to the old system of teaching writing by letters and then going on to syllables, instead of the modern method of starting with phrases and then proceeding to break them down to letters.

Some teachers found this to be a help to backward children, while others arrived at a synthesis which helped the backward and did not retard the others. Several experiments were also tried out in grades two to six.

About IL120,000 was spent by the Ministry on such research last year, he said.

Most of the other lectures were of a more theoretical nature. Prof. E. K. Rieff, a broad historical survey of educational methods and spirit, urged a humanistic approach to science studies in the secondary schools.

Emphasizing the importance of the application of scientific knowledge, he ridiculed the widespread "worthless quiz" of the non-materialistic aspects, such as the arts. He expressed his chagrin that not a single secondary school in Israel taught Greek.

The conference was addressed by Prof. Y. Praver, chairman of the Ministry's Education Committee. The participants who later toured the Negev, were greeted by Mr. Hanoch Nenner, Chairman of the Eilat Local Council. The deliberations will be summed up at a further meeting over Passover.

The Abdu Ha'avoda proposal generally agreed with the Mafpeh suggestions as to retention of the present cooperative structure, but urged that the Government should formulate a concession for bus transport. Rights granted to the cooperatives for a defined period would be renewed only if the cooperatives fulfilled all conditions.

The Oved Hazioni (Progressive) proposal was to give the cooperatives a last chance for a two-year period under a Government concession.

## 60,000 Dunams Hit By Negev Drought

Jerusalem Post Bureau

**REHOVOT.**—Over 60,000 dunams of winter grains in the South and the Negev have been affected by the drought, and 20,000 have already been sown a second time. Mr. M. Bar Darama, the Director of the Field Crops Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, told The Jerusalem Post on Friday. It is planned to rescue another 20,000 dunams.

The Lachish area was hardest hit in the South, while the Negev settlements of Magen, Urim and Tse'elim were the chief sufferers in their area. The 10,000 dunams of winter grains sown in the Negev have all had to be re-sown. Kibbutz Gat has had to plough under its 15,000 dunams of grain.

Losses in grain crops are already estimated at IL200,000. Cattle are still being fed fodder, in a season when they are usually taken out to graze on natural pasture. Irrigation has been kept on a summer schedule, and there is a danger of wells drying up if the rains do not come soon. Mr. Bar Daram said.

Seed supplies from all over the country have been diverted to the South, and 100 tons of seed for green fodder have been imported from Italy.

The fields of most of the religious settlements were not affected by the drought since they were sown before Rosh Hashana because of the Shmitta (Sabbatical) year at a greater depth than usual and have not yet germinated.

**Fishbreeders Help Shelled Settlements**

Jerusalem Post Staff

**HAIFA.**—The Fishbreeders' Union decided to extend immediate aid to Lehavot Habashan and Hulata, the Hula settlements whose fish ponds were damaged in the recent Syrian shelling.

At Lehavot Habashan, several shells exploded inside the ponds, killing a large number of fish with their blast. At Hulata, the settlement's tank and oxygen apparatus were destroyed by direct hits.

The Union decided to grant an immediate grant to Lehavot Habashan until the latter receive the war damages compensation due them, and to allow the village to sell its remaining fish out of turn to help them raise ready cash.

The Union has already sent to Hulata a spare tank and apparatus to replace the one destroyed.

The public committee appointed by the Minister of Finance to assess damages to the Hula Valley villages is touring the area on Friday.

**Dr. Arnon in London After W. Africa Tour**

**LONDON (INA).**—Dr. Yacov Arnon, Director-General of the Israel Finance Ministry, arrived here on Friday from Monrovia after completing a goodwill mission in West Africa. Apart from Liberia, Dr. Arnon visited Ghana and Nigeria. He was received by President Tubman, the American Embassy officials in Bonn said earlier this week.

The statement said Mr. Cheshvili had come to the West to continue his literary work. "I see my literary task as bringing intellectual circles on both sides of the world closer together in the best of my ability," it said.

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## Beduin Invite Kibbutz to Sulba

TIBERIAS.

A sulba (reconciliation feast) was held on Saturday at Rumana, near Nazareth, between the El-Hebb Beduin Tribe and members of Kibbutz Hukkok in Lower Galilee, their neighbours.

The sulba was requested by the tribe which had accused the settlers of the murder of one of their shepherds, Mahmud Hassan Fallah, who was only recently returned from captivity in Syria, Iraq and Jordan.

Some 40 settlers, representatives of the Military Governor and police officers were present at the ceremony, which Abou Younes, head of the tribe, extended his apologies. The festivities then proceeded with the traditional meal, display of horsemanship and marksmanship.

**Sailors May Import Only for Own Use**

Sailors will, from January 1, be permitted to bring into the country goods for their personal use only, according to an order gazetted on Thursday by the Director of Customs and Excise.

At present, seamen are permitted to use a percentage of their wages received in foreign currency to purchase goods abroad for resale in Israel.

The order gazetted on Thursday limits to IL150 the value of the goods which a sailor may import during a period of three months for his own or his family's personal use.

**German Seaman Who Missed Ship Deported**

A German sailor who fell asleep and missed his ship in Eilat last Sunday, was put aboard a ship bound for Italy in Haifa Harbour on Friday.

The sailor, Edwin Born, 22, had drunk himself to sleep in Eilat last Saturday night and awoke after his ship, the Johann Schroeder, had already left port. He was later picked up by police who made arrangements for his departure from Haifa. (Itim)

**YUGOSLAV TRADE MISSION LEAVES**

**LYDIA AIRPORT.**—The Yugoslav delegation, which negotiated the trade agreement with Israel signed last Thursday, left for Yugoslavia by air on Friday. They were seen off at the airport by the Yugoslav Minister and representatives of the Foreign Ministry.

**Defected Soviet Author To Seek Conciliation**

**FRANKFURT (Reuter).**—The Soviet author and Stalin Prize-winner, Mr. Alexander Cheshvili, said in a statement on Friday he had come to the West to seek the same rights as any other citizen.

The signed statement was issued to the press through a source in close touch with him.

Mr. Cheshvili asked the Americans in Berlin for asylum about three weeks ago and was flown to Frankfurt, where he was allowed to receive by President German authorities. American Embassy officials in Bonn said earlier this week.

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## Jerusalem Hapoel Crash At Home; T.A. Maccabi Hold Lead

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The Tel Aviv-Haifa Maccabi battle ended with a goal from Israel International, Rafi Levy, for Tel Aviv in the 7th minute at Haifa, giving the current National League champions another win and the retention of top place in the table. Jaffa Maccabi gained their expected victory over the currently weak Tel Aviv Betar set-up which, with Jerusalem Hapoel's crash against Petah Tikva Hapoel at home, gave the Jaffa men second spot behind the rampant Tel Avivians.

Haifa's teams, however, are not out of the running, and Haifa Hapoel slammed in a 3-3 win at Kfar Saba against the local Hapoel. They, with Haifa Maccabi, his third and fourth, one and two points, respectively, behind the two leading eleven.

In League A, Kfar Saba Hapoel hung onto their top place with a 1-0 win over Mahane Yehuda Hapoel, but Hadera Hapoel, with a smashing 6-0 bashing of Tel Aviv Hapoel, moved into second spot with six points, edging Ben Yehuda and Rehovot Hapoel on goal average.

At Tel Aviv Maccabi's win over Haifa Maccabi, at the Haifa City Stadium, was watched by 9,000 spectators. The visitors played a highly skilled game with beautiful passes and shots straight to the goal.

Petah Tikva Hapoel overpowered Jerusalem Hapoel on the latter's ground at the German Colony, 2-0, after a goal-less first half. Both goals were netted by the left-winger Marcus in the 75th and 80th minutes. The same team was not two goals weaker and a draw would have given a truer picture of the game.

Jerusalem Hapoel opened with a strong attack and in the opening minutes Viokor was called upon to save. Petah Tikva then took over the initiative, but Jerusalem's defence checked their attacks.

In the second half too, the Jerusalemites opened with a powerful attack, but pressure eased off and both teams showed signs of fatigue. In the 75th minute, without any prior warning, Marcus, Petah Tikva's left-winger, kicked the ball from 15 metres and before Sheerati knew it the ball was in the net.

Jaffa Maccabi's centre forward, Boccush Gogossian, snatched a goal in the 10th minute against Tel Aviv Betar which later proved the deciding margin. Some 3,000 fans watched a rough game with Maccabi holding on to their lead against Betar pressure in the second half.

Tel Aviv Hapoel lost a point because their forwards could not convert many chances at Givatayim. Hosts Ramat Gan Hapoel fought hard to hold the Tel Avivians to a 0-0 draw before 4,000 fans. Five new forwards turned out for Petah Tikva Maccabi before a crowd of 3,000 against Natanya Maccabi, and the gamble proved successful.

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## PROBLEM

On the eve of the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the U.S., Great Britain, France and Western Germany in Paris, and of a NATO session which will be dominated by the German problem, Mr. Khrushchev has not overlooked any point in an attempt to convince the West that he means business and that the West should take seriously both his proposals and his threats. He wants to point up the differences which exist between the Western allies and in Western public opinion on the future of Germany, to prevent the arming of Germany with nuclear weapons and to assure at least a partial evacuation of Central Europe by American troops. Moreover Moscow desires the West to recognize the status quo in Eastern Germany and in the whole of Eastern Europe, including the Oder-Neisse border of Poland.

The solution of the German problem which the Soviets will try to impose on the West will probably include the establishment in Berlin of some sort of U.N. guarantee of free city which would become the capital of a federated Germany. In this federated state, East and West Germany would retain their present governments and economic systems but would establish some sort of federal Parliament with limited prerogatives. Both Germanies would cancel their commitments.

If this proposal is rejected, the Soviets may be satisfied, it is thought, with some other alternative. One may be the Rapacki Plan, which in its new version would begin by restricting atomic armaments in West and East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia, to such forces as already possess them, to wit the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. The next step, the complete denuclearization of the area, would take place only after agreement on reduction of conventional forces, including those maintained by the U.S. and U.S.S.R. in the four above-mentioned countries.

Many Western observers estimate that a solution might be found on the basis of this plan or on the basis of somewhat similar plans prepared by the British Labour Party leader, Mr. Gaitskill, or by the former U.S. Ambassador to the U.S.S.R., Mr. Kennan. But others think that this nuclear "freeze" in Central Europe will weaken NATO's ability to defend itself against Russia's vastly larger conventional forces (the development of long-range missiles reduces the value of this argument, however.) They are also opposed, to any move which would mean recognition of Eastern Germany.

In the coming weeks, the West will have to resolve its internal differences, and, confronted by a Soviet offensive, will have to take a reasonable, united and determined stand that may point a way out of the deadlock. The future of peace may depend on the conversations now starting in Paris. For Mr. Khrushchev said after a nine-hour conversation with Mr. Khrushchev: "A war over Berlin is not likely, but it is certainly not impossible."

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# Arrests 'On the Quiet' in Spain

## Socialists Detained

By RICHARD MOWBRAY

MADRID. — MOST Spaniards still don't know, one month after the event, of the nationwide police sweep which has resulted in the detention of about 80 opponents of the Franco regime. Censorship is clamping down on the news. But they are aware that something has been going on here serious enough to have upset at least one of the Western world's international bodies. This awareness has been brought about by an editorial outburst in Madrid's Catholic newspaper "Ya" directed against the International Federation of Christian Syndicates. The IFCS is one of several non-governmental organizations affiliated to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). It has headquarters in Brussels and branches in several countries of Western Europe.

"Ya" doesn't say what the IFCS has done to make it mad, presumably because the censorship would let it. But "Ya" is mad all right.

"Slight Importance" The IFCS, it says, "is an organization of slight importance" whose meddling in Spanish affairs "is so important and so lacking in knowledge of the facts that one wonders whether its interference stems from ignorance or bad faith."

"It would never occur to a Spanish organization," "Ya" continues, "to request the Queen of the Netherlands to change the trade union structure of that country, or to ask the Belgian bishops to urge the settling of their country's political problems in the Spanish manner."

"As far as we are concerned," "Ya" says, "the IFCS has never sent messages to Khrushchev, or to the British Parliament, or to President Eisenhower, demanding the suppression of slave labor camps, respect for workers' rights in Cyprus, and equal rights for Negroes and Whites."

According to "Ya," the IFCS knows nothing of "the relations of Spain. Catholics abroad, the paper says, would do well to avoid using as points of reference 'the opinions of groups or individuals who live in exile because of activities which are condemned in all the penal codes of the world.'"

plots against national unity. Rather, the paper says, "for true and just should turn in Spanish matters to the hierarchy of the Church, speaking with the highest echelon."

Government's Displeasure Since nothing is allowed to be printed that is not approved by the authorities, "Ya's" outburst may be taken as reflecting the displeasure of the Spanish government over the action of the IFCS, which was to protest to General Franco against last month's arrests. The fact that the non-Communist International Federation of Christian Syndicates, the executive committee of the British Labour Party, and London students demonstrating outside the Spanish embassy have denounced the arrests has kept out of the press, the air — and out of "Ya."

The Spaniards arrested, according to "Ya," are all under 40 years of age. They include lawyers, professors, doctors, at least one industrialist, several specialized workers. Most, if not all, are Socialists or Social Democrats, or sympathizers thereof. As far as can be ascertained, there are no Communists in the group. But the list contains prominent names:

Juan Benavente y Carner, professor of the history of law at the University of Barcelona, grandson of Jaime Carner, Finance Minister during the republic.

Juan Rico head of the chemistry department at the University of Barcelona.

Dr. Martin Santos, a leading psychiatrist from San Sebastian.

Dr. Vicente Urra, medical adviser to the Basque Coast Brotherhood of Fishermen.

Joachim Pradera, nephew of the Spanish ambassador in Tunisia.

Arrested at 3 a.m. The arrests began early in November in